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**Inmate Death at MCFP Springfield**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Saturday, October 24, 2020, inmate Carmelo Estrada tested positive for COVID-19 and was placed in medical isolation at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners (MCFP) Springfield in Springfield, Missouri. On Monday, November 2, 2020, Mr. Estrada was evaluated by medical staff for decreased oxygen saturation and transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. On Friday, November 6, 2020, Mr. Estrada returned to MCFP Springfield. On Friday, November 13, 2020, he was found to be stable and asymptomatic for COVID-19 related symptoms, and assigned to a unit with 24-hour nursing staff. On Wednesday, December 23, 2020, Mr. Estrada became unresponsive and life-saving measures were initiated. Staff requested emergency medical services (EMS) and transported Mr. Estrada by EMS to a local hospital. On the same day, Mr. Estrada, who had long-term pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by outside hospital medical staff.

Mr. Estrada was a 58 year-old male who was sentenced in the Western District of Tennessee to a 240-month sentence for Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute at Least 1,000 Kilograms of Marijuana. He had been in custody at MCFP Springfield since May 5, 2014.

MCFP Springfield is an administrative security facility that currently houses 806 male offenders.

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